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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Impediment of democratic transformation progress and the damages of the unilateral sanctions

Closely paying attention of the democratic transformation, Sudan parliament amended the election law to give more chances to smaller political parties to participate, so as to reach to the zero equation instead of 4%, this resulted in participation of more parties in the parliament, to the percentage of more than 30%.

During election process on April 2015
Sudan Liberation Movement (SPLA) -north sector rejected the election operation in south Kordufan state .This was declared explicitly by Sudan liberation movement(SPLA} north sector while meeting with their forces , as transmitted in different social network sites, and threatening the citizens to participate.

He fulfilled his threats by attacking 4 areas using heavy weapons and artillery; resulting in death toll of 136 civilians. But the citizens challenged him by confining in the election process so, electoral process succeeded and a number of political parties participated

Also we would like to draw attention to the fact that the unilateral sanctions had a major role to deepen poverty among the citizens. This negatively affected every day life of children and women., especially in the conflict affected areas as it resulted in scarcity of life -saving drugs and increase of deaths among mothers and children of less Than 5 years age.

Therefore, we would like to call for:
1 / both parties to declare immediate cease-fire and observe it strictly.
2 / lift the unilateral sanctions which harmed the civilians specially in the conflict affected areas.